

**CITY of SAN DIEGO  
MEMORANDUM**

**FILE NO:** 202  
**DATE:** February 18, 1993  
**TO:** Terry Nelson, Personnel, San Diego Police Department  
**FROM:** Robert Thorburn, Assistant Chief, Office of Human Resources  
**SUBJECT:** Peter J. Caruso, Police Officer II, I.D.#4009

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Peter Caruso was terminated by this department on November 30, 1990. A civil service hearing was scheduled for November 9 and 10, 1992.

Prior to the commencement of the hearing, it was determined by counsel for Mr. Caruso and the legal advisors of this department that a settlement would be in the best interest of all parties.

Accordingly, it was agreed that if Mr. Caruso passed a background investigation which included a polygraph examination and a medical examination he would be reinstated as a Police Officer II. Mr. Caruso waived any rights to back pay and other associated benefits that would have accrued during the period from his termination date up to his date of reinstatement.

I have been informed that Mr. Caruso has passed his background investigation and is ready to be reinstated.

Please have Mr. Caruso reinstated immediately.

  
Robert Thorburn  
Assistant Chief  
Office of Human Resources

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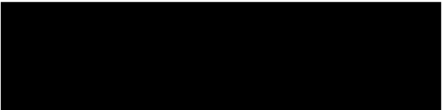
FILE NO: 320  
DATE: February 19, 1993  
TO: Darlene Soda, Senior Clerk Typist, Payroll  
FROM: Terry Nelson, Supervising Administrative Analyst, Personnel  
SUBJECT: Reinstatement of Peter J. Caruso, Police Officer II, I.D.#4009

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Please reinstate Peter J. Caruso to Police Officer II, effective today, February 19, 1993. He should be returned at his former salary step, with no back pay or benefits.

He will be assigned to Field Operations, Southeastern Area Station.

Call me if you have any questions.

  
TERRY NELSON  
Supervising Administrative Analyst

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FILE NO: 320  
DATE: June 29, 1993  
TO: Vera Slavik, Administrative Aide II, Fiscal Management  
FROM: Kathy Richeson, Principal Clerk, Personnel  
SUBJECT: FY 93 Uniform Reimbursement for Officer Caruso

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Officer Peter J. Caruso was carried as leave of absence from November 30, 1990 through February 19, 1993. As such, he was not eligible for uniform reimbursement for FY 92. However, he was eligible for uniform reimbursement for FY 93 upon his return to duty.

Please process the necessary paperwork to provide Officer Caruso with his FY 93 uniform reimbursement. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]  
Kathy Richeson  
Personnel Services

cc: Victoria Gilner, Assistant to the Chief  
Peter J. Caruso, Officer  
Personnel File

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2 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, CITY OF SAN DIEGO

3 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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5 IN THE MATTER OF ) ORDER OF ATTACHED STIPULATION  
6 THE APPEAL OF )  
7 PETER J. CARUSO )  
8 FROM THE ORDER OF )  
9 HIS TERMINATION )

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11 THE ATTACHED STIPULATION IS ACCEPTED AND THE TERMS AND  
12 CONDITIONS SET FORTH THEREIN ARE HEREBY ORDERED PURSUANT  
13 TO VOTE OF THE COMMISSION AT A REGULARLY NOTICED AND  
14 CONSTITUTED MEETING.

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16 DATED: June 17, 1993.

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18 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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20 [REDACTED]  
21 Alan Ziegau, President

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23 Al Best Ph.D., Vice-President

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25 Hope S. Logan, Commissioner

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27 Linda LeGerrette, Commissioner  
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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

IN THE MATTER OF )  
PETER J. CARUSO ) STIPULATION  
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This stipulation is entered into between Peter J. Caruso (hereinafter Caruso) and the City of San Diego Police Department (hereinafter SDPD) and is based upon the following:

1. Caruso's employment by SDPD was terminated by virtue of and based upon the facts set forth in a Notice of Termination dated November 30, 1990.

2. SDPD may be unable to establish, by a preponderance of evidence, certain allegations of fact as outlined in the Notice of Termination.

3. Caruso and SDPD desire to terminate their dispute regarding Caruso's termination by SDPD by virtue of Caruso's appeal of his termination by SDPD to the Civil Service Commission of the City of San Diego (hereinafter CSC).

4. The parties agree that upon acceptance of this stipulation, Caruso will withdraw his appeal to the CSC.

1           5.   SDPD has returned Caruso to duty effective February  
2 19, 1993, and he will remain with the SDPD after he withdraws  
3 his appeal.

4           6.   It is agreed between SDPD and Caruso that he will be  
5 subject to unannounced random urinalysis at the discretion of  
6 SDPD until February 19, 1994.

7           7.   The period between November 30, 1990, through February  
8 19, 1993, will be calculated as a leave of absence with the  
9 exception of a period of twenty (20) days which will be  
10 considered a period of suspension.

11           8.   The SDPD will remove from Caruso's personnel file the  
12 Notice of Termination and in its place put a Notice of  
13 Suspension for a period of twenty (20) days.

14           9.   This stipulation is a complete stipulation between the  
15 parties.

16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED] 5/5/93  
18 James M. Gattley  
19 Attorney for Mr. Caruso

20 [REDACTED]  
21 [REDACTED] 5/5/93  
22 Peter J. Caruso

[REDACTED] 5/6/93  
Victoria C. Gilner  
Deputy City Attorney  
For San Diego Police Dept.

[REDACTED]  
Robert J. Thorburn  
Assistant Chief  
Office of Human Resources



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TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

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SEP 21 AM 4:18

CHIEF OF POLICE

PERSONNEL  
DEPARTMENT

CERTIFIED MAIL #781 856 855  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY

RICH SNAPPER  
Personnel  
Director

September 16, 1992

KENT LEWIS  
Assistant  
Personnel  
Director

Peter Caruso  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Caruso:

The San Diego City Civil Service Commission has scheduled a hearing to be held in the Sixth Floor Commission Room, City Administration Building, Charles C. Dail Concourse, San Diego,

FOR: November 9 & 10, 1992

AT: 8:00 a.m.

REGARDING: Your Termination from the City of  
San Diego Police Department

As provided for in Ordinance No. 17721 revising Rule XI of the Rules of the CSC, the Commission has appointed one of its members to hear your appeal. This Hearing Officer is prepared to give whatever time is needed to assure a fair hearing in this case. The conduct of the hearing is governed by the provisions of Section 129 of the Charter of the City of San Diego and Rule XI of the Rules of the Civil Service Commission, copies of which are enclosed. Please note that Ordinance No. 17721 supersedes the enclosed documents relating to appeal of removal. In order to expedite the hearing, it is requested that you examine these documents. On the date of the hearing, you will be requested to stipulate for the record that you have received and read the appropriate Rules and Charter Sections. Also enclosed is a document entitled, "Disciplinary Hearings." Please read this carefully, as it tells you what you need to do before your hearing and what to expect during the hearing.


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Civil Service Rules provide that:

"Any employee who has appealed to the Commission for a public hearing and fails to make an appearance at the hearing, either in person or through a duly authorized representative after having received notice of the time and place for such hearing may be deemed to have abandoned the appeal..."

If you have any questions prior to your hearing, please call me.

Sincerely,

  
RICH SNAPPER  
Personnel Director

RS:ls

Enclosures

cc: ✓Bob Burgreen, Chief of Police  
James Sing, Captain  
Victoria Gilner, Deputy City Attorney  
Stuart Swett, Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney  
James Gattey, Attorney-At-Law



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POLICE DEPARTMENT • 1401 BROADWAY  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101-5729 • TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

OFFICE OF  
BOB BURGREN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

IN REPLYING  
PLEASE GIVE  
OUR REF. NO.

202

November 28, 1990

Peter J. Caruso  
[REDACTED]

CERTIFIED MAIL #P 760 134 931  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Caruso,

I have considered the information presented at the hearing held in my office on November 28, 1990, during which you were represented by your attorney, Mr. Gattey. I can find no reason not to proceed with the proposed termination of your employment with the San Diego Police Department.

Your actions in both the instances of obtaining steroids for the purposes of body-building and your part in the unreported traffic accident with a police vehicle violated several Department policies and procedures as noted in the Notice of Adverse Action. Your version of your actions in both matters lacks some credibility.

By copy of this letter I am directing that you be terminated from employment with the San Diego Police Department immediately.

If you or your attorney have any questions, I may be reached at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Ken Fortier  
Deputy Chief

KF:cm

cc: Dr. Leroy Brady  
Captain Jim Sing  
Kathy Richeson  
James Gattey


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FILE NO: 430  
DATE: 10-29-90  
TO: Peter J. Caruso, Police Officer II, I.D. #4009  
FROM: James B. Sing, Commanding Officer, Northern Division  
SUBJECT: Notice of Departmental Appeal Rights

After consideration of the information provided during your Skelly interview on 10-17-90 at 0730, I have decided to forward my recommendation for your termination to the Chief of Police. You have the right to appeal the recommended discipline to the Chief of Police prior to any disciplinary action being taken. In order to appeal, you must submit a written appeal to the Chief's Office within three (3) working days of receipt of this notice. Failure to make written appeal within the three day period will be deemed a waiver of your right to appeal this disciplinary action within the Department.

  
James B. Sing, Commanding Officer

This Notice of Departmental Appeal Procedure was handed to me in the presence of Sgt Cruz on 10-29-90. I have been given full explanation as to my right of appeal within the Department and instructions on how to proceed. Receipt of this memorandum is acknowledged.

  
Employee's Signature

10 29-90  
Date

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FILE NO: 430

DATE:

TO: Peter J. Caruso, Police Officer II, I.D. #4009

FROM: James B. Sing, Commanding Officer, Northern Division

SUBJECT: Advance Notice of Adverse Action

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This is to notify you that I am recommending to the Chief of Police that you be terminated from your position as a Police Officer II. I am proposing that your termination be made effective as soon as possible, given your right to appeal my recommendation.

This recommendation for your termination is based on the fact that:

You have been obtaining anabolic steroids from Dr. [REDACTED] for the purpose of body building. An investigation conducted by the Internal Affairs Unit concluded that you were engaged in criminal conduct by violating California Health and Safety Code Section 11354(b), which states, "No person shall knowingly solicit, direct, induce, aid, or encourage a practitioner authorized to write a prescription to unlawfully prescribe, administer, dispense, or furnish a controlled substance."

Anabolic steroids are a controlled substance and listed as Schedule III Drugs in Section 11056(f) of the Health and Safety Code.

When you were interviewed by supervisors from the Internal Affairs Unit you were untruthful as to the reason you obtained anabolic steroids. You were also untruthful when you told the Internal Affairs investigators you had never injected yourself with anabolic steroids.

You again made untruthful statements on July 6, 1990, to your immediate supervisor, concerning a police equipment collision which occurred on July 4, 1990.

Your conduct violated the following Civil Service Rules:

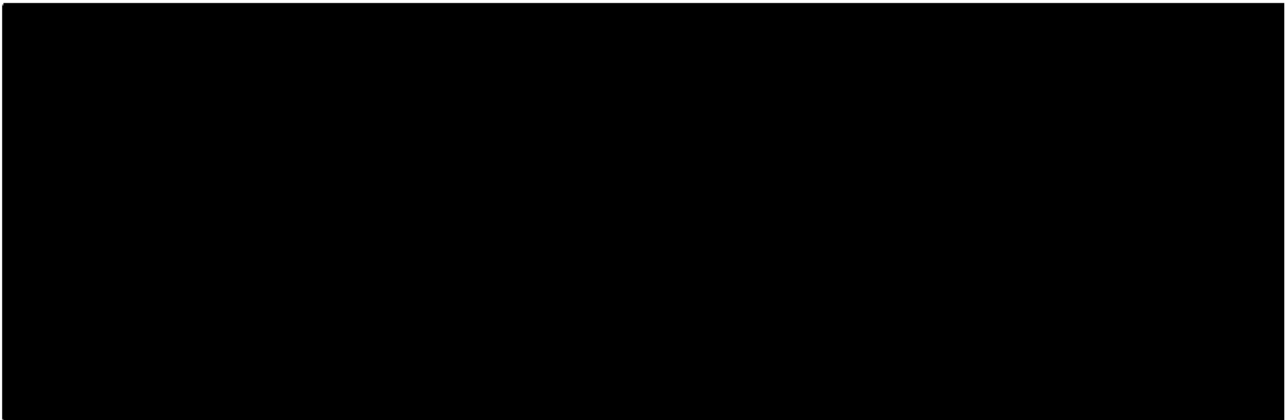
Civil Service Rule XI, Section 3(d), in that you violated the following lawful or official regulations:

- A. Department Policy 9.3, Obedience to Laws, in that you violated Health and Safety Code Section 11354(b) by obtaining steroids for the purposes of body building.

- B. Department Policy 9.29, Truthfulness, in that you made untruthful statements to Internal Affairs investigators concerning your use of steroids. During the interview of March 23, 1990, you denied obtaining steroids to assist in a body building program. Also during the interview you denied injecting yourself with steroids. In a follow-up interview on July 20, 1990, you admitted obtaining steroids for the purposes of body building. Also during the follow-up interview you admitted injecting yourself with steroids.

On July 6, 1990, you made untruthful written and verbal statements to your immediate supervisor concerning the police equipment accident which occurred on July 4, 1990. You also gave untruthful written and verbal statements to the investigating Traffic officers.

Previous disciplinary actions include:



Therefore, based on the information available to me, I believe termination from employment is appropriate.

Before any action is taken on this recommendation to terminate your employment with the City, you have the opportunity to respond and present any information you wish as to why this action should not take place. You have the right to be represented and may respond either orally or in writing to me by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. A failure to respond to me by that time will be deemed a waiver of your opportunity to respond. A copy of all reports and notices of previous discipline upon which this action is based are attached. These are listed below:

1. Officers John Smith and Peter Caruso's Daily Activity Journal, dated July 4, 1990.
2. Collision Report, dated July 6, 1990, written by Officer D. Jennes, I.D. #3594, and S. Thompson, I.D. #3746, detailing the Police Equipment Collision of July 4, 1990.



3. Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report, form RM-1567, completed by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, dated July 7, 1990.
4. ARJIS-9 Report written by Officer Caruso, dated July 9, 1990.
5. ARJIS-9 Report written by Officer John Smith, dated July 9, 1990.
6. Vehicle Damage Report, written by [REDACTED], dated July 12, 1990.
7. Review of Materials Policy, signed by Officer Caruso and Sergeant O'Hanlon, dated July 13, 1990.
8. Review of Materials Policy, signed by Officer Smith and Sergeant O'Hanlon, dated July 13, 1990.
9. Review of Materials Policy, signed by Officer Smith and Sergeant O'Hanlon, dated July 24, 1990.
10. Amended Collision Report completed by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, dated July 28, 1990, detailing the collision of July 4, 1990.
11. Amended Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report, form RM-1567, completed by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, dated July 24, 1990.
12. Memorandum, dated August 1, 1990, completed by Detective J. A. Stewart, Traffic Investigations Unit.
13. Internal Affairs Investigation #90-003, completed 07-25-90, by Sergeant Joel Bryden which includes all related materials.
14. San Diego Police Department Training Bulletin #89-2, Anabolic Steroids, dated April 4, 1989, written and prepared by Special Agent Joe Kenney, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.
15. [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED]
17. [REDACTED]

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The tape recorded interviews of Officers Smith and Caruso as well as the Communications tape of incident #B6548 will be maintained by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon.

James B. Sing,  
Commanding Officer

On \_\_\_\_\_,  
I witnessed the personal delivery  
of this notice and the above-listed  
documents to the employee:

Without agreeing or admitting  
to any of the statements  
above, I admit receiving this  
notice and the above-listed  
documents on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee's Signature

cc: City Manager  
City Personnel Director  
Police Personnel Office-file

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**FILE NO:** 430  
**DATE:** August 28, 1990  
**TO:** Gary L. Gollehon, Lieutenant, Northern Division  
**FROM:** Richard M. O'Hanlon, Sergeant, Beach Enforcement Team  
**SUBJECT:** Supervisor's Investigative Report Concerning Misconduct of  
Officer Peter J. Caruso, I.D. #4009

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**SUMMARY**

This investigation involving Officer Peter J. Caruso, I.D. #4009, encompasses two separate incidents of misconduct.

1. The use of anabolic steroids for the purposes of body building.
2. Untruthful statements made during the investigation of a police equipment collision.

On January 8, 1990, Sergeant Joel Bryden, I.D. #3033, of the Internal Affairs Unit initiated an investigation into alleged steroid abuse by Officer Peter J. Caruso, I.D. #4009. The investigation revealed Caruso had obtained steroids for the purpose of body building in violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11354(b). During this investigation Caruso made untruthful statements to Sergeant Bryden concerning his steroid use.

On July 4, 1990, Officer Caruso was the passenger in a marked police unit, equipment 1207, driven by Officer John C. Smith, I.D. #4047. This unit was involved in a collision at 1100 Sea World Drive. The vehicle struck a raised center island. The impact caused moderate damage to Unit 1207. Neither Smith nor Caruso properly reported the collision.

On July 6, 1990, Caruso made untruthful verbal and written statements to his immediate supervisor, Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon. Caruso also made untruthful verbal and written statements to Traffic officers who were investigating the collision which occurred on July 4, 1990.

Based on these untruthful statements, an inaccurate collision and Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Report were filed.

**INVESTIGATION**

Sergeant Joel Bryden, I.D. #3033, of the Internal Affairs Unit, initiated an investigation into illicit steroid use by Officer Peter J. Caruso, I.D. #4009. The investigation was started after a confidential source of information for a Narcotics Task Force detective identified a San Diego police officer as a possible steroid abuser. The confidential source of information told Detective David Johnson that Officer Peter Caruso was associating with known steroid users and dealers. The confidential source of information told Detective Johnson and Sergeant Bryden that Caruso is currently using steroids to assist him with his body building.

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### INVESTIGATION (Continued)

On February 22, 1990, Sergeants Hank Hiskes and Joel Bryden interviewed Department of Justice Agent Joseph Kenney. Agent Kenney is a nationally recognized authority on anabolic steroids. Agent Kenney wrote a Training Bulletin (89-2) on anabolic steroids for the San Diego Police Department. According to Agent Kenney, anabolic steroids are either taken orally, in tablet form, or are injected. Steroids taken orally stay in a subject's system for approximately three to six weeks. Injectable steroids stay in a user's system anywhere from three to nine months.

As of January 1, 1987, Section 11377(b) of the Health and Safety Code makes it a misdemeanor to possess, without a doctor's prescription, any anabolic steroid. According to Deputy District Attorney Mike Carleton, a legal advisor for the San Diego Police Department, a positive urine test for anabolic steroids would be evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that a person once ingested steroids.

On March 23, 1990, Officer Caruso was interviewed by Sergeants Joel Bryden and Hank Olias of the Internal Affairs Unit. During this interview Caruso stated he was under a doctor's care for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Caruso denied using steroids for the purposes of body building and also denied injecting himself with steroids. Caruso's physician is Doctor [REDACTED]

At the conclusion of the interview Caruso submitted a urine sample for testing. This sample would be analyzed for steroids.

On March 27, 1990, Sergeant Bryden and Detective Laursen drove to the University of California at Los Angeles Pharmacology Department. The urine sample obtained from Officer Caruso was delivered to [REDACTED] an employee in the Pharmacology Department.

On March 28, 1990, Sergeant Bryden spoke with Department of Justice Agent Joseph Kenney. Bryden told Kenney that he (Bryden) was investigating a police officer and the use of anabolic steroids. Agent Kenney told Sergeant Bryden that a Dr. [REDACTED] was currently being investigated for excessive steroid prescriptions.

Also on March 28, 1990, Sergeant Bryden spoke with Dr. [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] specializes in internal medicine. According to Dr. [REDACTED] it would be inappropriate to prescribe anabolic steroids to help in body building.

On April 3, 1990, Sergeant Bryden received the results of Caruso's urinalysis. The results, according to Dr. [REDACTED] of the UCLA Department of Pharmacology, indicated that Caruso's sample contained a testosterone to epitestosterone ratio of greater than 20 to 1. According to Dr. [REDACTED] the ratio in this sample was probably as great as 50/70 to 1.

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On April 17, 1990, Sergeant Bryden interviewed Dr. [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] is an expert in the use of anabolic steroids. According to Dr. [REDACTED] the typical testosterone to epitestosterone ratio in a male is 3 to 1. According to Dr. [REDACTED] some individuals may have a ratio as high as 7 to 1.

On July 6, 1990, Sergeant Bryden assisted Agent Kenney with the service of a search warrant at the offices of Dr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Sergeant Bryden interviewed Dr. [REDACTED] inside the office. Dr. [REDACTED] stated he was treating Officer Caruso for [REDACTED].

Dr. [REDACTED] told Sergeant Bryden Officer Caruso had received five syringes and fourteen needles on February 19, 1990. The purpose of the needles and syringes was so Officer Caruso could inject himself with testosterone. Dr. [REDACTED] told Sergeant Bryden Caruso initially came to him to assist with his (Caruso's) body building program.

On July 10, 1990, Sergeant Bryden received a copy of Officer Caruso's medical file from Agent Kenney. This file was seized pursuant to State Search Warrant #14674.

The following entries were made in Caruso's medical records which were seized pursuant to a search warrant. The medical records were removed from the offices of Dr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

Dr. [REDACTED] told Sergeant Bryden Officer Caruso purchased the syringes and needles to inject himself with steroids. According to Sergeant Bryden's interview, Dr. [REDACTED] was administering Officer Caruso the steroid testosterone cypionate.

On July 20, 1990, Sergeants Hank Olias and Joel Bryden of the Internal Affairs Unit reinterviewed Officer Caruso. During this interview Caruso admitted he had injected himself with anabolic steroids after February 2, 1990. (Caruso stated during the interview of March 23, 1990, he did not inject himself.)

Officer Caruso stated the purpose for using anabolic steroids was to assist him in body building and for treatment of [REDACTED]. Later Caruso stated

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he initially went to Dr. [REDACTED] to assist him in body building....

On July 24, 1990, Sergeant Bryden recontacted Dr. [REDACTED]. Dr. [REDACTED] explained to Sergeant Bryden that the only way to check for [REDACTED] (According to Caruso's medical records this procedure was not conducted by Dr. [REDACTED])

According to Dr. [REDACTED], if an individual had a testosterone to epitestosterone ratio of at least twenty to one there would have to be an outside source. Dr. [REDACTED] stated that a ratio of 20 to 1 would indicate that a person received a substantial dose of testosterone that could be in excess of a normal therapeutic dose.

Also, according to Dr. [REDACTED], individuals who are being treated for [REDACTED] do not normally inject themselves. Dr. [REDACTED] stated body builders using anabolic steroids frequently inject themselves.

In addition, on July 4, 1990, at approximately 2230 hours, Officers John Smith, I.D. #4047, and Caruso were partners in equipment number 1207. They were involved in a police equipment collision that was not properly reported. Caruso was the passenger officer.

On July 5, 1990, at approximately 0700 hours, Northern Automotive Technician [REDACTED], attempted to drive equipment number 1207. [REDACTED] found the unit parked adjacent to the car wash along the east fence of the parking lot. As [REDACTED] started the vehicle he immediately noticed that the gear shift indicator was broken. As [REDACTED] drove the vehicle it became apparent that the steering column and alignment were also damaged.

Unit 1207 was placed on a rack where the damage could be evaluated further. An examination of the vehicle revealed substantial undercarriage damage. The inside rear view mirror had been knocked off. The front bumper was misaligned. Both front rims were bent. There was damage to the front cowling near the hood latch. The inside hood bracing also had two dents in it from being struck by the engine.

Equipment number 1207 is assigned to the Northern Division Beach Enforcement Team. At the time the damage was discovered the odometer read 82109.5. Lieutenant R. L. James, I.D. #1469, was notified of the damaged vehicle.

Lieutenant James advised me of the damaged vehicle when I arrived at work. I reviewed the journals from July 1, 1990, through July 4, 1990, in an attempt to locate the last driver of that unit. During my review I was unable to locate the journal for Officers Smith and Caruso for July 4, 1990. I recalled seeing Smith and Caruso driving a black and white unit the evening of July 4, 1990. I did not recall what the equipment number was. I had seen the officers at the command post, at approximately 2200 hours on July 4, 1990, and advised them they were cleared to secure for the day.

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Thursday, July 5, 1990 was a day off for Officers Smith and Caruso.

On Friday, July 6, 1990, I told Smith and Caruso that I needed their journal from July 4, 1990. They stated they had inadvertently left the document at the lifeguard station at 700 Ventura Place. I ordered Smith and Caruso to retrieve the journal and return immediately to Northern with the document. This journal would indicate which vehicle Smith and Caruso were driving on the 4th.

Approximately forty-five (45) minutes later I attempted to raise Smith and Caruso on the radio. I walked outside the station and saw Smith and Caruso by the garage area talking to [REDACTED], a mechanic. Unit 1207 was up on a rack.

I asked Smith and Caruso if they had retrieved their journal. They replied, "No, [REDACTED] told us about the damaged car." At this point Smith stated, "I guess I damaged the car more than I thought."

At approximately 1915 hours I asked Smith and Caruso about their knowledge of the damaged vehicle. Sergeant Dave Douglas, I.D. #2237, was also present during this initial interview.

Officer John Smith stated essentially the following about the damaged vehicle:

We were going to the "Cover Now" at De Anza Cove. I started out from near Fiesta Island. Traffic was really backed up. I was going Code-3, with my lights and siren. I hit the curb. The call went Code-4 after we got on the freeway. I drove to Mission Bay Hospital and checked the car. I didn't notice any damage to the hood or anywhere else. The steering was a little off. The car drove fine the rest of the night. The gear shifter felt a little funny.

Officer Caruso stated essentially the following:

We were going to a cover call at De Anza Cove. John was driving, we hit the curb at Sea World Drive near I-5. We hit pretty hard. We didn't have a problem with the car the rest of the night. John said the gear shifter felt a little funny. We stopped at Mission Bay Hospital and checked the car. I'm not a mechanic. I didn't notice any damage. We didn't look at the undercarriage.

On July 6, 1990, a Traffic supervisor, Sergeant W. Clem, I.D. #1484, and Officers S. Thompson, I.D. #3746, and D. Jennes, I.D. #3594, responded to Northern Division to investigate the police equipment accident. The damage to Unit 1207 was identified and photographed.

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### INVESTIGATION (Continued)

The following damage was identified:

1. Cracked right turn signal and housing, cracked right front bumper area.
2. Broken shift linkage.
3. Damaged oil pan.
4. Damaged front stabilizer bar.
5. Bent front rims.
6. Dents to the underside of the hood from the engine striking it.

I ordered Smith and Caruso to locate their daily journal. I further instructed them to meet myself and the Traffic officers at Sea World Drive and Pacific Highway to locate the accident scene.

Smith and Caruso retrieved their journal from July 4, 1990, and located the accident scene at 1100 Sea World Drive. At the accident scene Smith and Caruso gave written statements, ARJIS-9's, as to how the accident occurred. These reports were incorporated into the accident report written by Officers Jennes and Thompson, dated 07-06-90.

The ARJIS-9 reports written by Smith and Caruso both indicated they were driving "Code Three" to a cover call at De Anza Cove. According to these reports Smith and Caruso were driving through a simulated island, eastbound on Sea World Drive. As they were driving through the island they struck a raised asphalt center median. Smith and Caruso stated that after striking the median the cover call went "Code Four." Smith drove to Mission Bay Hospital. Smith and Caruso stated inspected the vehicle and did not see any damage. Smith stated the alignment appeared to be off.

Smith and Caruso stated they drove this unit for the remainder of their shift. Smith and Caruso secured from their shift at approximately 2300 hours on July 4, 1990.

The radio transmissions on Frequency Two and TAC were reviewed. The cover call occurred on July 4, 1990, at 1626 hours. (Incident number 5642.) A parking controller was struck by a vehicle while directing traffic at De Anza Cove. This vehicle was subsequently located and the occupants were taken into custody. The tape recording indicates Smith and Caruso, Unit 171Z, never advised the dispatchers on either frequency they were responding to the cover call.

A review of Smith and Caruso's journal for July 4, 1990, shows they volunteered for the cover call. The time of the cover call noted on the journal is 1600 hours.

On July 6, 1990, I completed a Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report, form RM-1567. My investigation was based on Smith and Caruso's verbal and written statements to the Traffic officers. My investigation indicated



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Smith was driving Code-3 to a "Cover Now" call at De Anza Cove. While driving through a simulated island Smith struck a raised asphalt median at 1100 Sea World Drive. My investigation also indicated this collision was not properly reported. The Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report and Vehicle Damage Report were forwarded to the Fleet Safety Sergeant.

On Saturday, July 7, 1990, I was at 700 Grand Avenue with [REDACTED], Chairperson of the Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices. [REDACTED] was riding with me as an observer. We were approached by a citizen who inquired as to the welfare of the officers involved in the accident. I asked this citizen, [REDACTED], some general questions about the accident.

[REDACTED] stated the accident occurred on Sea World Drive. [REDACTED] stated a police car hit a raised island at about fifty (50) mph. I obtained [REDACTED] information and told him I would contact him in the next few days.

On July 8, 1990, at approximately 1250 hours, I interviewed Automotive Technician [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated essentially the following:

I got to work about 7:00 o'clock in the morning. I got into Unit 1207 to roadtest it. That is normally the first thing I do when I get to work. As soon as I got in the car I knew something was wrong with the car. The rear view mirror was knocked off. The right turn indicator was broken. The bumper was bent. The gear shift lever was loose and was touching the dash. The car was parked along the fence by the car wash. Also the fiberglass cowl was broken. When I drove the car you could tell something was wrong. I told my boss about the damage. Whoever damaged the car had to know they did it.

On July 9, 1990, Officer Smith and Caruso hand-delivered ARJIS-9 reports to Sergeant Douglas. These reports stated the original ARJIS-9's submitted to the Traffic unit about the accident on July 6, 1990, were in error. The reports dated July 9, 1990, submitted by Smith and Caruso stated the accident occurred at 2230 hours. These reports stated Caruso and Smith did not check the vehicle for damage until they arrived at the Northern Substation.

On July 9, 1990, at approximately 1410 hours, I interviewed [REDACTED] over the telephone. [REDACTED] pertinent information is as follows:

[REDACTED] stated essentially the following:

I was with [REDACTED]. We were on Sea World Drive going towards I-5. We were in the fast lane, closest to the middle. We were about two car lengths back from the intersection. I had the windows down, I saw flashing lights,

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but I didn't hear a siren. I heard skid marks. The police car went airborne after hitting the island. Two hubcaps came off. I thought they hit a sign but I can't be sure. The police car went north on I-5 for two exits and then turned off. He was going over fifty miles per hour when he hit the median.

On July 26, 1990, I reinterviewed [REDACTED]. The purpose of this interview was to clarify the time of the collision. The interview was conducted over the telephone. [REDACTED] stated essentially the following:

The accident happened around 10:30 p.m. I'm sure of the time because it was after the fireworks. Traffic was bumper to bumper.

(At this time I have been unable to interview [REDACTED], [REDACTED] passenger.)

On July 11, 1990, I met with Detective James Stewart, I.D. #3378, of the Traffic Investigations Unit. Detective Stewart and I reexamined the collision scene and Unit 1207. The collision scene was photographed by Detective Stewart. Based on the examination of the collision scene and the damage to Unit 1207, Detective Stewart formed the following opinion:

The driver of Unit 1207 would have to reasonably conclude that he/she was involved in an accident and should have been aware of the damage. There is not any damage on Unit 1207 consistent with the vehicle striking a sign.

Detective Stewart's report is attached.

The cost of repairing Unit 1207 is estimated at \$945.38. This information is contained in a damage report submitted by [REDACTED], dated July 12, 1990. This report is attached.

On July 13, 1990, at approximately 1905 hours, I interviewed Officer Peter Caruso. Prior to the interview Caruso reviewed all of the written materials that had been compiled during my investigation. Caruso signed the "Internal Affairs Review of Materials Policy" in my presence. Officer Caruso was also given the Garrity Warning prior to the interview. Officer Caruso requested representation and the interview was concluded.

On July 13, 1990, at approximately 1940 hours, I interviewed Officer John Smith. Prior to the interview Smith reviewed all of the written materials compiled during my investigation. Smith signed the "Internal Affairs Review of Materials Policy" in my presence. Officer Smith was also given the Garrity Warning prior to the interview. Officer Smith requested representation and the interview was concluded.

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On July 20, 1990, at approximately 1510 hours, I interviewed garage mechanic [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated essentially the following:

I was in the garage. Car 1207 was up on the rack. Pete and John came over and I asked them who messed up the car. I told them to check it out. This was Friday evening (July 6, 1990).

On July 24, 1990, at approximately 0800 hours, I interviewed Officer Peter Caruso. Also present was Caruso's attorney James Gattey. The interview was tape recorded. Prior to the interview Caruso and Gattey reviewed all of the documents I had compiled in this matter. I read Caruso the Garrity Warning prior to the interview. The interview was tape recorded.

Caruso stated essentially the following:

John was driving on July 4th. Traffic was backed up well past Sea World Drive, past the center divider both ways. John had the lights on and was tapping the siren. We were going 10-19, back up to the sub to secure at the end of shift. The accident happened about 11 o'clock in the evening. It didn't happen like we stated originally. It happened like we stated in our supplemental reports.

We were going about thirty miles per hour or so when we hit. The time on the accident report is wrong. When we first learned of the accident, John was real worried that he was going to get terminated because we were going 10-19 and not to a cover call. John thinks that you are not very fond of him. Plus statements that you made that any discipline we would get would be three times worse than anybody else. So instead of saying we were going 10-19 we said we were going to a cover call. He said he was going to report it like that. I wasn't too keen on that. I did it to cover him. I knew I could change his mind probably over the weekend, and have us resubmit an addendum to the report, which we did. I had to work with him that night. He was my cover. If he submitted a report that says one thing and I submit a report that says he's lying, I would be putting myself at a risk. I weighed both of them and I wrote my report concurrent with his report.

The accident happened when it was dark. Traffic was backed up from the beach because of the fireworks. There wasn't a cover call, John was driving to get around traffic. We hit a raised center island near Sea World and I-5. John did the journal that night.

We parked the car in the back near the car wash. We always park back there because my own vehicle is parked back there, it is easy to unload. We didn't notice any hubcaps missing from the car. We did not put any hubcaps on the car.

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The accident was at about 10:30, right after we left the command post. We first became aware of the damage Friday after lineup, when we spoke to [REDACTED]. John said that the steering felt a little funny. He let go of the steering wheel and the car went straight. I told him to hit the brakes, he did and the car didn't do anything unusual. I've been in accidents similar to that where the front end was totally messed up, but this was fine.

We never went to Mission Bay Hospital and checked the car. I don't recall the rearview mirror being knocked off. John left the journal down at the lifeguard tower.

The accident was between 2230 to 2300, not earlier. We looked at the car when we got to Northern. I looked under the front and didn't see anything. John looked a little more than I did and he didn't see anything. The reason for the error in the time of the accident was because John thought he would be in trouble if he reported that we were going 10-19. He wanted to say we were going to the cover call. I went along with it. I knew I could get him to change his story, which we did, to what it was. At the time he wanted to report it like that.

I could have reported it the way it happened. But I would put him in a position where he was lying or I was lying. I had to work with him the next night.

(At this point the tape ran out. The unrecorded conversations were summarized on side two of the tape. The gap was approximately forty-five seconds.)

I first became aware of the damage on Friday. The mechanic told John about it and John called me over. We went down to the P.O.A. and told them about it. We wrote an addendum to clarify the matter.

The interview was concluded at 0825 hours.

On July 24, 1990, at approximately 1405 hours, I interviewed Officer John Smith. Steve McMillan, Smith's representative, was also present. Prior to the interview Smith and McMillan reviewed all of the documents that I had compiled during the course of my investigation. Smith and McMillan also listened to the interview of Officer Caruso. Smith signed the "Internal Affairs Review of Materials Policy" in my presence. Smith was given the Garrity Warning prior to the interview. The interview was tape recorded. Smith stated essentially the following:

Pete and I were in a black and white, equipment 1207, on July 4th. I was driving. The incident happened about 10:30, 11:00 o'clock p.m. We had just left the command post at Sunset Point. Traffic was heavy. I was going eastbound on Sea World Drive.

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I was driving on the center island and hit a raised island. I was driving on the island to get around traffic. I was going about 30 mph. I had my lights and siren on. I had the amber on and the red light on to the front. Periodically I would hit the siren. I don't think they were on the full rotation mode.

I hit the island and came off of it. I went on I-5. I didn't take any off ramps before La Jolla Village Drive. I parked the car in the back row. I normally park there. I examined the car about 11:15. I walked around the front and looked underneath the front end. I didn't look at the tires. I didn't notice any hubcaps missing. I didn't notice the rearview mirror missing.

It felt like the wheel was a little funny. I let go of the wheel and the car went straight. I hit the brakes and the car didn't pull to either side.

I did the journal that night. I left the journal in the lifeguard tower. I found it on the desk on the second floor. I did not put any hubcaps on the car.

I first found out about the damage on Friday when I came back to work. The mechanic asked if I was driving the car. He said I messed it up. He said there was damage to the undercarriage. When I looked at it on the Fourth I didn't notice anything.

Initially I said the accident occurred during a cover call, about 8 o'clock, 8:30. I said that because I feared retaliation, from the command, because we were using the lights when we weren't supposed to.

The accident actually occurred around 10:30 p.m., like we wrote in our addendum reports. We wrote the addendums on Monday.

When I told you that I looked at the car at Mission Bay Hospital that was incorrect. After the accident I drove right to the station. The accident occurred at 10:30, initially I said the accident occurred earlier. The initial traffic report is wrong.

The interview was concluded at 1420 hours.

On July 29, 1990, I wrote an amended collision report. This report indicates the correct time of the collision, 2230 hours. The report also reflects that Officer Smith was not driving "Code 3" in response to a "Cover Now" call. The report indicates Smith was driving through a simulated island trying to get around traffic when he struck the raised island. Smith was not responding to a radio call but instead was driving to Northern Division when the impact occurred.

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On July 29, 1990, I prepared a revised Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report, form RM-1567.

The "Amended" collision report, revised supervisor's investigation and revised vehicle damage report have been forwarded to the Fleet Safety Sergeant.

### CONCLUSION

Officer Peter J. Caruso engaged in criminal conduct by violating Health and Safety Code Section 11354(b). Caruso was injecting himself with steroids to assist with his body building program. An analysis of Caruso's urine showed the presence of steroids at a level far greater than what is considered normal. Caruso's testosterone level also exceeded the level expected even if an individual were being treated for [REDACTED].

Health and Safety Code Section 11354(b) states:

"No person shall knowingly solicit, direct, induce, aid, or encourage a practitioner authorized to write a prescription to unlawfully prescribe, administer, dispense, or furnish a controlled substance."

Anabolic steroids are controlled substances and listed on Schedule III Drugs of the Health and Safety Code.

During his interview of March 23, 1990, Caruso made untruthful statements about injecting himself with anabolic steroids. Caruso also made untruthful statements about the reasons he obtained anabolic steroids. Caruso initially denied obtaining steroids for the purpose of body building. In a follow-up interview Caruso admitted he obtained anabolic steroids as part of a body-building program. He also admitted injecting himself with steroids.

On July 4, 1990, Officer Caruso was a passenger in a police vehicle that was involved in a collision. Caruso did not report the damage to the vehicle. This vehicle, Unit 1207, was left in service even though it presented an immediate safety hazard to fellow officers and citizens.

On July 6, 1990, Officer Caruso made untruthful statements, written and verbal, to his immediate supervisor, and Traffic officers investigating the collision that occurred on July 4, 1990. Based on these statements inaccurate police reports were filed.

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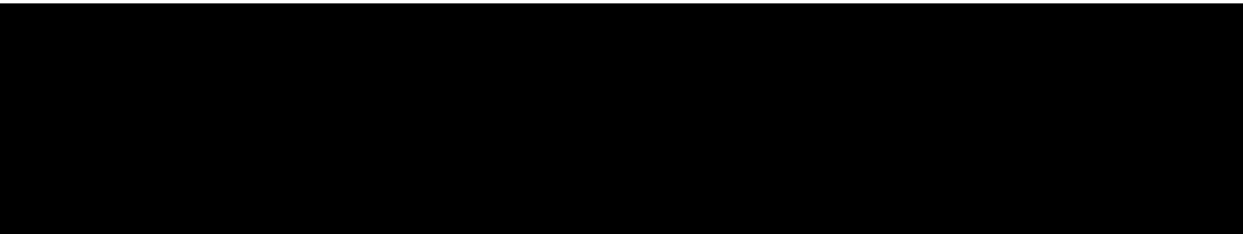
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Officer Peter J. Caruso has violated Civil Service Rule XI, Section 3(d), in that he violated the following lawful or official regulation:

- A. Department Policy 9.3, Obedience to Laws, in that he violated Health and Safety Code Section 11354(b) by obtaining steroids for the purposes of body building.
- B. Department Policy 9.29, Truthfulness, in that he made untruthful statements to Sergeant Joel Bryden concerning his use of steroids. During the interview with Sergeant Bryden of March 23, 1990, he denied obtaining steroids to assist in a body building program. Also during this interview he denied injecting himself with steroids. In a follow-up interview on July 20, 1990, Caruso admitted obtaining steroids for the purpose of body building. Also during the follow-up interview Caruso admitted injecting himself with steroids.

On July 6, 1990, he made untruthful written and verbal statements to his immediate supervisor, Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, concerning the police equipment accident which occurred on July 4, 1990. He also gave untruthful written and verbal statements to the investigating Traffic officers.

Previous disciplinary actions include:



In each of the above mentioned incidents Caruso was counselled that any further violations of Department Policies or Procedures would result in more severe disciplinary action.

Attached are the following documents and materials:

- 1. Officers John Smith and Peter Caruso's Daily Activity Journal, dated July 4, 1990.
- 2. Collision Report, dated July 6, 1990, written by Officer D. Jennes, I.D. #3594, and S. Thompson, I.D. #3746, detailing the Police Equipment Collision of July 4, 1990.

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3. Vehicle Damage Report, form RM-1551, completed by Officer John Smith, on July 6, 1990.
4. Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report, form RM-1567, completed by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, dated July 7, 1990.
5. ARJIS-9 Report written by Officer Caruso, dated July 9, 1990.
6. ARJIS-9 Report written by Officer John Smith, dated July 9, 1990.
7. Vehicle Damage Report, written by [REDACTED] dated July 12, 1990.
8. Review of Materials Policy, signed by Officer Caruso and Sergeant O'Hanlon, dated July 13, 1990.
9. Review of Materials Policy, signed by Officer Smith and Sergeant O'Hanlon, dated July 13, 1990.
10. Review of Materials Policy, signed by Officer Smith and Sergeant O'Hanlon, dated July 24, 1990.
11. Amended Collision Report completed by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, dated July 28, 1990, detailing the collision of July 4, 1990.
12. Amended Supervisor's Vehicle Accident Investigation Report, form RM-1567, completed by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon, dated July 24, 1990.
13. Internal Affairs Investigation #90-003, completed 07-25-90, by Sergeant Joel Bryden which includes all related materials.
14. San Diego Police Department Training Bulletin #89-2, Anabolic Steroids, dated April 4, 1989, written and prepared by Special Agent Joe Kenney, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.
15. [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED]
17. [REDACTED]



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The tape recorded interviews of Officers Smith and Caruso as well as the Communications tape of incident #B6548 will be maintained by Sergeant Richard O'Hanlon.

Appropriate disciplinary action is recommended.



Richard M. O'Hanlon, Sergeant  
Northern Beach Enforcement Team

RMO:mlr  
Attachments

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORT

PRIMARY CAUSE SPEED		NO. INJURED 0	H & R FELONY 0	CITY SAN DIEGO	BEAT 122	COLLISION NUMBER						
ONE 22350 AVE		NO. KILLED 0	H & R MISD. 0	COUNTY SAN DIEGO	NCIC # 3711	OFFICER I.D. # 3594						
LOCATION	COLLISION OCCURRED ON 1100 SEA WORLD DR. BET. PACIFIC HWY AND I-5				MO. 7	DAY 4	YR. 90	TIME 1801	DAY OF WEEK S M T W T F S	EMERGENCY YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
	AT INTERSECTION WITH OR: 188 <sup>th</sup> FEET/MILES WEST OF THE WCL OF I-5 ON RAMP				INJURY, FATAL OR TOW AWAY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		STATE HIGHWAY RELATED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		PHOTOGRAPHS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
					NO. VEH'S INV'L'D. ONE							
CLASS OF COLLISION			INVESTIGATED		FOR OFFICE USE		FOR OFFICE USE		TOTAL			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Fatal <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Injury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Prop. Damage Only			<input type="checkbox"/> ON STREET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AT SCENE <input type="checkbox"/> OFF STREET <input type="checkbox"/> NOT AT SCENE		IMD. FORM SENT <input type="checkbox"/>		HR GAR SAC TRAN SAF SSP PRO COR INS					
1. At Intersection 2. Not at Intersection 3. On Public Property 4. On Private Property												
PARTY 1	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]				STATE CA	CLASS 13	SAFETY EQUIP. 88	VEH. YR. 88	MAKE/MODEL/COLOR BLU/WHT FORD CROWN VIC	LICENSE NUMBER #1207	STATE CA	
DRIVER	NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) JOHN CHARLES SMITH #4047				OWNER'S NAME/ADDRESS CITY OF SAN DIEGO 2010 2ND ST. #800 92101							
PEDESTRIAN	STREET ADDRESS 1401 BROADWAY N-9				DIR. OF TRAVEL N-9				ON STREET OR HIGHWAY 1100 SEAWORLD DR.		SPEED 30	SPEED LIMIT 40
PARKED VEH.	CITY/STATE/ZIP SD CA 92101				DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE ON ORDERS OF: <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER							
BICYCLIST	SEX [REDACTED]				HAIR [REDACTED]							
OTHER	HOME PHONE ( )				BUSINESS PHONE [REDACTED]							
INSURANCE CARRIER SELF CITY OF SAN DIEGO				POLICY NUMBER								
PARTY 2	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER				STATE	CLASS	SAFETY EQUIP.	VEH. YR.	MAKE/MODEL/COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	
DRIVER	NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)				OWNER'S NAME/ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS DRIVER							
PEDESTRIAN	STREET ADDRESS				DIR. OF TRAVEL				ON STREET OR HIGHWAY		SPEED	SPEED LIMIT
PARKED VEH.	CITY/STATE/ZIP				DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE ON ORDERS OF: <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER							
BICYCLIST	SEX				HAIR							
OTHER	HOME PHONE ( )				BUSINESS PHONE ( )							
INSURANCE CARRIER				POLICY NUMBER								
SKETCH												
SEE LARGE DIAGRAM												
INITIAL CONTACT POINT 188 <sup>th</sup> W. OF THE WCL OF I-5 SB ON RAMP. 41 <sup>st</sup> N. OF THE SCL OF 1100 SEAWORLD DR.												
INVESTIGATION NARRATIVE/ADDITIONAL WITNESSES												
SEE COLLISION SUMMARY												
COLLISION NUMBER:												

## COLLISION SUMMARY

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COLLISION LOCATION	DATE	TIME
1100 SEAWORLD DR. BET. PACIFIC HWY AND I-5	7/4/90	18:01

OFFICER'S CONCLUSIONS: (SUMMARIZE THE COLL. INV. WITH A WORD PICTURE. INCLUDE ALL EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CHARGE.)

V-1 IS A MARKED BLACK AND WHITE POLICE CAR WITH EMERGENCY OVER HEAD LIGHTS AND SIREN. V-1 WAS DRIVEN BY OFFICER SMITH #4047 AND OFFICER CARUSO #4009 WAS THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER.

ON 7/4/90 P-1 WAS IN ROUTE TO A COVER CALL E/B ON 1100 SEAWORLD DR. DUE TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION P-1 DROVE ON THE SIMULATED ISLAND. P-1 SAW THE RAISED ASPHALT CENTER MEDIAN AND ATTEMPTED TO STOP LEAVING 30 FT. OF LOCKED WHEEL SKID. P-1'S SPEED WAS TOO GREAT TO STOP PRIOR TO HITTING THE RAISED MEDIAN WITH THE UNDER CARRIAGE OF THE CAR. P-1 CONTINUED TO THE COVER CALL ON THE RAISED CENTER MEDIAN. P-1 CAME OFF THE MEDIAN AS HE PROCEEDED THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF SEAWORLD DR. AND I-5'S S/B ON RAMP. THE COVER CALL WENT C-4 PRIOR TO P-1'S ARRIVAL.

EQUIPMENT 1207 WAS DRIVEN THE REST OF THE SHIFT AND PARKED AT THE NORTHERN PARKING LOT AT THE END OF THE SHIFT.

ON 7/6/90 A RANDOM ROAD TEST WAS DONE ON EQUIPMENT #1207 BY [REDACTED], A GARAGE MECHANIC. [REDACTED] NOTICED THAT THE

REPORTING OFFICER	U.D. NUMBER	DIVISION	DATE AND TIME
D. JENNIFER	3594	72	7/6/90 2100

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LOCATION OF INCIDENT (OR ADDRESS) CITY		BEAT	DISTRICT

SECTION AND DESCRIPTION (ONE INCIDENT ONLY) 11-82 POLICE		MONTH 07	DAY 04	YEAR 90	DAY OF WEEK WED	TIME 1900
PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM		SUSPECT (IF NAMED)			PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)	

I WAS PASSENGER IN VEHICLE #1207, OFFICER SMITH #4047 WAS <sup>THE</sup> DRIVER. WE WERE IN ROUTE TO A COVER NOW AT DEANZA COVE. WE WERE IN THE AREA OF FIESTA ISLAND, TRAVELING E/B OF SEA WORLD APPROACHING I-5. TRAFFIC WAS BACKED UP AT THE LIGHT AT I-5 AND SEA WORLD SO WE MOVED INTO THE SIMULATED DIVIDER AREA. WE THEN STRUCK THE CENTER DIVIDER / ISLAND AND RODE ON TOP OF IT AND OFF BACK ONTO SEA WORLD AND HEADED TO N/B I-5. AT THAT POINT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY DAMAGE TO THE CAR. WE CONTINUED N/B I-5, STILL CODE-3, WHEN A "CODE-4" WAS BROADCAST AND WE TURNED OFF OUR LIGHTS AND SIREN.

WE THEN WENT TO MISSION BAY HOSPITAL TO LOOK AT THE VEHICLE. EVERYTHING APPEARED TO BE FINE. WE FINISHED THE REST OF THE SHIFT AND DID NOT FIND OUT ABOUT THE DAMAGE UNTIL 7-6-90 WHEN A MEMBER OF NORMAN'S GARAGE TOLD US ABOUT THE DAMAGE.

ADDITIONAL INFO: WE BOTH HAD OUR HARNESS BELTS ON AND WERE TRAVELING ABOUT 30 MPH.

REPORTING OFFICER CARUSO, P.	I.D. # 4005	DIVISION N-9	APPROVED BY:	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 07	DAY 06	YEAR 90	TIME 2040
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BEAT				DISTRICT				

I WAS E/B ON SEA WORLD DR. GOING CODE-3 TO A  
COVER CALL AT DEANZA COVE. I WAS DRIVING ON THE  
CENTER ISLAND AROUND THE STOPPED TRAFFIC. I HIT THE  
CURB AT I-5. I WAS GOING ABOUT 30MPH WHEN I  
HIT THE CURB. THE CAR WENT CODE-4 BEFORE WE  
ARRIVED WE DROVE OVER TO MISSION BAY HOSPITAL  
WHERE I LOOKED UNDER THE CAR FOR DAMAGE. THE  
STEERING FELT LIKE IT WAS OFF BUT IT WAS DRIVING  
OK. I DID NOT THINK THERE WAS ANY DAMAGE TO  
THE CAR. I THOUGHT THE ALIGNMENT WAS OFF.

REPORTING OFFICER Smart, Louis	I.D. # 4047	DIVISION N-9	APPROVED BY:	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 7	DAY 6	YEAR 90	TIME 2040
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# Collision Diagram

COLLISION LOCATION 1100 SEA WORLD DR

DATE 7/6/90 TIME 1801

DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE



INDICATE NORTH

1100 SEA WORLD DR.

I-5  
S/B  
ONRAMP

GOUGE FROM P1'S  
UNDERCARRIAGE

27" LOCKED  
WHEEL SKID

STOPPED VEHICLES

30" LOCKED WHEEL SKID

STOPPED VEHICLES

DATE & TIME OF REPORT

7/7/90 1355

OFFICER(S)

S. THOMPSON

# 3746

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POLICE EQUIPMENT ACCIDENT  
DATA SHEETDATE: 7-4-90 TIME: 1900 LOCATION: SEA WORLD AT I-5WEATHER: CLEAR DAY OF WEEK: WEDNAME AND I.D.: SMITH JOHNDATE OF HIRE: 7-24-86 YEARS: 3DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] AGE: [REDACTED]WATCH/DIVISION: N-9 BEAT: 171UNIT NUMBER: 171<sup>2</sup>C.D.L.: [REDACTED]DAYS WORKED THIS WEEK: 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY / OVERTIME ON DAY OFF

HOURS WORKED TODAY: \_\_\_\_\_

SEAT BELT: HARNESS: X LAP BELT: \_\_\_\_\_

#1 PASSENGER: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ #OFFICER -- CIVILIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

CARUSO PETER 9009SEAT BELT: HARNESS: X LAP BELT: \_\_\_\_\_

#2 PASSENGER: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ #OFFICER -- CIVILIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

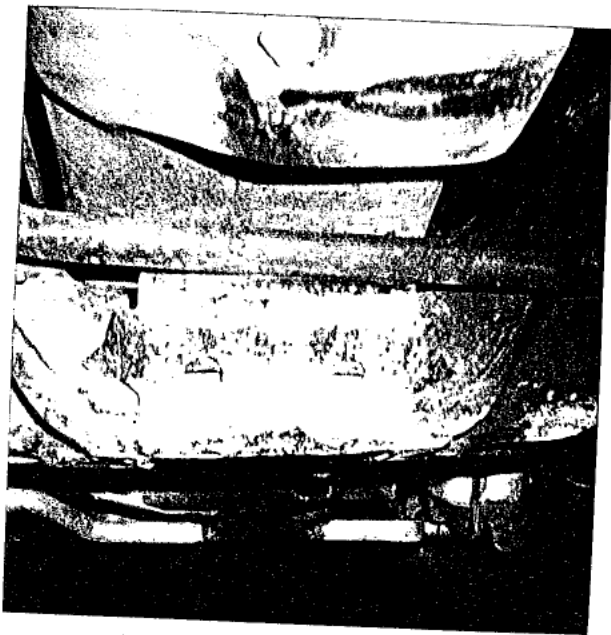
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ESTIMATE OF SPEED: 30 MPHNATURE OF CALL: COVER CALLEQUIPMENT NUMBER/MILES: 1207 MILES: 82110

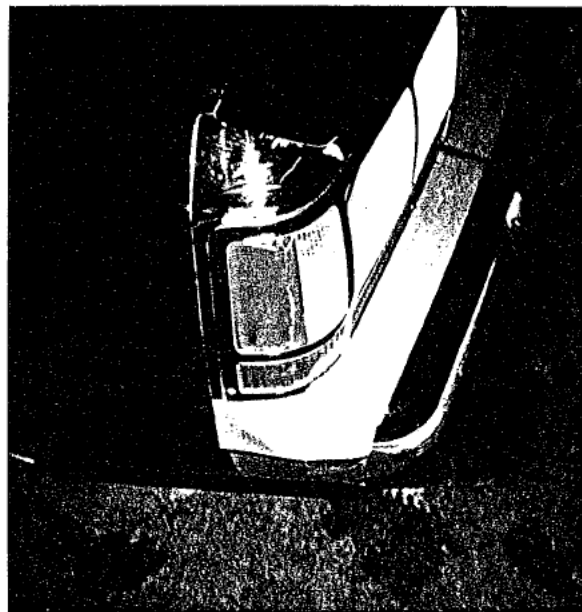
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YELLOW ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ XRED/YELLOW ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ XALL-RED/BLUE/YELLOW: X \_\_\_\_\_SIREN: X \_\_\_\_\_HEADLIGHTS: X \_\_\_\_\_BRIGHTS: \_\_\_\_\_ XSPOTLIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ XHORN: \_\_\_\_\_ X





11-82 POLICE





# SUPERVISORS VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

ORIGINAL - SAFETY DIVISION  
YELLOW - CLAIMS  
GREEN - ORIGINATING DEPT.

EMPLOYEE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION	1. EMPLOYEE NAME (PRINT LAST, FIRST, M.I.) SMITH, JOHN C.		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]		3. DEPT./DIVISION Police-Northern		4. DATE OF ACCIDENT MO. 07   DAY 04   YEAR 98					
	5. JOB CLASSIFICATION Police Officer II		6. EMPLOYEE STATUS: SEASONAL <input type="checkbox"/> C PERM PART TIME <input type="checkbox"/> A HOURLY <input type="checkbox"/> D PERM FULL TIME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/> E		7. EMPLOYEE WORKING OVERTIME WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED? NO <input type="checkbox"/> A EXTENDED SHIFT <input type="checkbox"/> B CALL BACK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C							
	8. TIME IN CLASSIFICATION: LESS THAN 30 DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> A 1 TO 3 MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> B 4 MOS. TO 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> C 1 TO 5 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D OVER 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> E		9. EMPLOYED WITH CITY: LESS THAN 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> A 1 TO 5 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B 6 TO 10 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> C OVER 10 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> D		10. EXPERIENCE WITH VEHICLE: IN TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> A LESS THAN 3 MOS. <input type="checkbox"/> B 4 MOS. TO 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> C 1 TO 5 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D OVER 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> E		11. CITY VEHICLE: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A NO <input type="checkbox"/> B		12. IF YES, GIVE EQUIP. NUMBER 1207 (1)			
							13. VEHICLE SIZE & TYPE (EX. 1/4 TON P/U) 4 door sedan		14. VEHICLE MAKE & YEAR (EX. FORD/1969) 1988 Ford			
ANALYSIS	15. ACTION OF CITY VEHICLE: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) PARKED <input type="checkbox"/> A LEFT TURN <input type="checkbox"/> F CHANGING LANES <input type="checkbox"/> K STOPPED IN TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> B RIGHT TURN <input type="checkbox"/> G OTHER (BE SPECIFIC) <input type="checkbox"/> Z PREPARING TO STOP <input type="checkbox"/> C U-TURN <input type="checkbox"/> H STARTING IN TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> D ROLLAWAY <input type="checkbox"/> I MOVING FORWARD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E BACKING <input type="checkbox"/> J										16. ACCIDENT SITE: YARD <input type="checkbox"/> A OFF ROAD/ <input type="checkbox"/> F STREET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B LANDFILL ALLEY <input type="checkbox"/> C PRIVATE PROP <input type="checkbox"/> G PARK <input type="checkbox"/> D FREEWAY <input type="checkbox"/> H BEACH <input type="checkbox"/> E OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> Z	
	17. DAMAGE TO: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) CITY VEHICLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A EMPLOYEE VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> B OTHER VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> C CITY PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> D OTHER PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> E			18. INJURIES: NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> B EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> C BOTH <input type="checkbox"/> D		19. TYPE OF RESPONSE: EMERGENCY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A NON-EMER. <input type="checkbox"/> B		20. ACCIDENT PROPERLY REPORTED YES <input type="checkbox"/> A NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B				
						21. AT TIME OF ACCIDENT HAD TRAINING BEEN GIVEN: WITHIN 30 DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> 6 MOS. TO 1 YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVER 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 6 MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> NONE GIVEN <input type="checkbox"/>			22. LOCATION OF ACCIDENT: 1100 Sea World Drive			
									23. TIME OF DAY 4:00 <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.			
DESCRIBE HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED, INCLUDE ANY VIOLATIONS OF CITY OR DEPT. POLICY; ACTION OF OTHER VEHICLE, ROAD CONDITIONS, EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION, ETC. (BE SPECIFIC):  SEE ATTACHED REPORT												

CAUSE	PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT (WHY DID THE ACCIDENT OCCUR): SPEED FOR CONDITIONS										

EVENT	WHAT HAS BEEN/WILL BE DONE TO PREVENT RECURRENCE (PLACE AN "X" BY ITEMS COMPLETED): THIS COLLISION WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE COMMAND LEVEL FOR DISPOSITION.										
Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant											
DATE: 7-9-98											

## SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

DATE (occrr.): July 4, 1990

TIME (occrr.): 1600 hours

LOCATION: 1100 Sea World Drive

SUBJECT: Supervisor's Investigation of Police Equipment Collision

Officer John C. SMITH #4047 was driving police equipment number 1207 on July 4, 1990. Officer Peter J. CARUSO #4009 was the passenger officer.

Officers SMITH and CARUSO were responding to a "Cover Now" call at De Anza Cove at approximately 1600 hours. Traffic was extremely congested on Sea World Drive due to the July 4th holiday. SMITH was driving northbound on Sea World Drive in the center island (painted) trying to avoid traffic. Prior to entering the island SMITH activated the vehicle's emergency lights and siren.

SMITH proceeded northbound on Sea World Drive and was approaching the I-5 overpass. As SMITH approached the south edge of the bridge there is a raised asphalt island. SMITH was driving over thirty(30) m.p.h. at this point.

SMITH attempted to avoid the island by braking. SMITH struck the south edge of the island with the front end of equipment 1207. The unit became airborne and landed on the island. Gouge marks were found at the point of impact and where the undercarriage contacted the island. SMITH continued driving northbound on the island. The "Cover Now" call went "Code Four" prior to SMITH and CARUSO arriving.

SMITH drove the vehicle to Mission Bay Hospital where both he and CARUSO "inspected" the vehicle for damage. SMITH and CARUSO later stated that they did not find any damage. They also stated that the vehicle was difficult to shift and appeared to be out of alignment immediately after striking the island.

SMITH drove the vehicle until the end of his shift. (2400 hours) He parked the vehicle at the Northern Division station. Northern Division garage personnel located the damaged unit at approximately 0700 on Thursday. (07-05-90) Lieutenant R. JAMES #1469 was notified of the damaged vehicle shortly after its discovery.

Equipment number 1207 is assigned to the Northern Division Beach Enforcement Team.

On Thursday morning, 07-05-90, Lieutenant JAMES contacted me and advised me of the damaged vehicle. I recall seeing SMITH and CARUSO driving a black and white sedan on July 4th. I do not recall the equipment number.

Reporting Officer Sgt. Richard M. O'HANLON I.D. # 2699 Division N-B.E.T.  
Approved By [REDACTED] Date of this report 07-07-90 Time 1930

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

DATE (occrr.):

TIME (occrr.):

LOCATION:

SUBJECT: Police Equipment Collision pg. 2

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On 07-06-90 I was in the process of trying to locate SMITH and CARUSO's daily activity journal for 07-04-90. I saw SMITH and CARUSO at the garage area of Northern. Unit number 1207 was up on the rack at this time.

Officer SMITH stated at this point, "I guess I really damaged the car." This was at approximately 1820 hours. (SMITH and CARUSO were both off on Thursday, 07-06-90) A Traffic unit and Traffic supervisor responded to Northern Division. The accident scene was located and a collision report was made.

The damage to equipment number 1207 includes but is not limited to the following: bent front rims, a broken gear shift indicator, fractured right turn signal, front bumper damage, hood damage and substantial engine and undercarriage damage.

Based on the damage to Unit number 1207 and the damage located at the collision scene the following conclusion is reached.

Officer John C. SMITH was involved in a police equipment collision on 07-04-90 at approximately 1600 hours. The damage to Unit number 1207 was of such magnitude that SMITH and his partner Peter J. CARUSO should have known that they were involved in a police equipment collision.

Officer John C. SMITH, the driver, failed to properly report the collision to a police supervisor according to established department policy.

Reporting Officer  Sgt. Richard M. O'HANLON I.D. # 2699 Division N-B.E.T.

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date of this report 07-07-90 Time 1930

**SAN DIEGO REGIONAL  
OFFICER'S REPORT  
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OFFICER'S REPORT ONLY

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CODE SECTION AND DESCRIPTION (ONE INCIDENT ONLY) 11-82 Police	MONTH 07	DAY 04	YEAR 90	DAY OF WEEK WED	TIME 2230
LOCATION OF INCIDENT (OR ADDRESS)	CITY			BEAT	DISTRICT

PERSON(S) INVOLVED: VICTIM	SUSPECT (IF NAMED)	PROPERTY TAG NO. (S)
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THE REPORT I SUBMITTED IN REGARDS TO  
THE ACCIDENT AT SEA WORLD AND ITS WAS IN  
ERROR REGARDING THE TIME AND DESTINATION.  
WE WERE IN ROUTE TO THE NORTHERN SUB  
AT APPROXIMATELY 2230 HRS. WE INSPECTED THE  
VEHICLE AT THE NORTHERN SUB.

REPORTING OFFICER CARUSO, P.	I.D. # 4009	DIVISION N-9	APPROVED BY: D.F. DOUGLAS, 2237 SGT	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 07	DAY 09	YEAR 90	TIME 1130
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THE REPORT I SUBMITTED ABOUT THE ACCIDENT  
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WERE IN ROUTE TO THE NORTHERN SUB AT APPROXIMATELY  
2230 HRS. WE INSPECTED THE CAR AT NORTHERN.

REPORTING OFFICER SMITH	I.D. # 4047	DIVISION N-9	APPROVED BY: D.F. XXXXAS, SGT	DATE OF REPORT:	MONTH 07	DAY 09	YEAR 90	TIME 1130
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# DAMAGE REPORT

Equipment # <b>1207</b>	Date: <b>7-12-90</b>	Page <b>1</b> of <b>1</b>
Year: <b>1988</b>	Make: <b>FORD</b>	Mileage: <b>82,125</b>
Vin # <b>2FABP72F0JX172035</b>	Model: <b>CROWN VICTORIA 4DR</b>	
License # <b>E-091830</b>		
Written by: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>		Title: <b>METAL FAB SUPERVISOR</b>

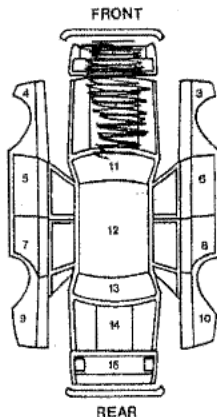
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2	✓	GRILLE PANEL			1.0		2.1			
3	✓	HOOD PANEL			1.0		2.8			
4	✓	FRAME + SQUARE BODY				12.0				
5	✓	ALIGN FRONT WHEELS						1.5		
6	✓	OIL PAN w/o SENSOR	106	18				3.8		
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\$ 945.38



THE CITY OF  
**SAN DIEGO**  
SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
330 12th Avenue  
San Diego, California 92101  
MS 730

Telephone:  
[REDACTED]



120	PARTS PRICE	\$ 122 46
102	BODY LABOR 2.0 HRS. @ \$30.00	\$ 60 00
104	FRAME LABOR 12.0 HRS. @ \$11	\$ 132 00
103	PAINT LABOR 5.1 HRS. @ \$11	\$ 55 00
101	MECH. LABOR 5.3 HRS. @ \$11	\$ 58 00
125	SUPPLIES	\$ 76 50
130	SUBLET	\$
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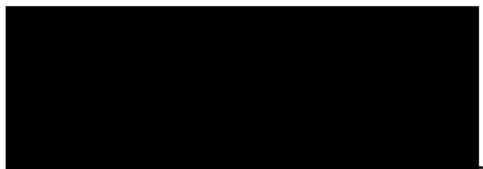
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I have read and understand the above.



Officer

7-13-90

Date



Internal Affairs Investigator

SERGEANT



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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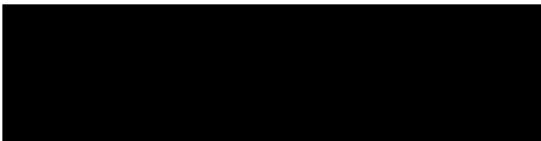
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Officer

7-13-90  
Date

  
Internal Affairs Investigator

Smith 7/24/90

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I have read and understand the above.

[Redacted Signature]

Officer

7/24/90

Date

[Redacted Signature]

Internal Affairs Investigator  
SGT. R. M. O'Hannon

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

DATE (occrr.): July 4, 1990

TIME (occrr.): 2230 hours

LOCATION: 1100 Sea World Drive

SUBJECT: AMENDED REPORT-Police Equipment Accident-Officer John C. SMITH ID 4047

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"FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND/OR THE CITY ATTORNEY"

The original traffic report submitted by Officers JENNES #3594 and THOMPSON #3746 concerning the police equipment accident with Officer John C. SMITH #4047 must be amended for the following reasons:

1. The original report lists the time of the accident as 1801 hours. Further investigation revealed that the accident occurred at 2230 hours.
2. The initial report indicates that SMITH was driving in a "CODE THREE" response to a "COVER NOW" call at De Anza Cove. In fact, SMITH was driving through the center island with his red and yellow lights only when the collision occurred. SMITH was enroute to the Northern Division station when he struck the island. SMITH was NOT responding to any radio call. SMITH was driving through the island to avoid traffic that had backed up on Sea World Drive due to the Fourth of July fireworks.

The investigation into the collision is continuing. Also the fact that the accident was not properly reported is being investigated.

Appropriate disciplinary action will be recommended for Officers SMITH and CARUSO for their involvement in this incident.

A revised collision report, dated 7-28-90 is attached.

"FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND/OR THE CITY ATTORNEY"

Reporting Officer Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant I.D. #2699 Division N-B.E.T.

Approved By [REDACTED] Date of this report 7-28-90 Time 1800



INJURED / WITNESS

GRADE

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7-28-90 1800

**COLLISION INTERVIEWS**

(Driver/Passenger/Witness)

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COLLISION LOCATION 1100 Sea World Drive		DATE 07-04-90	TIME 2230
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRIVER NAME <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUP. <input type="checkbox"/> WIT.	John C. SMITH #4047	ADDRESS 1401 Broadway San Diego	PHONE HOME
VEH. #	One This interview was conducted on 7-24-90 at approximately 1330 hours.		PHONE WORK [REDACTED]

SMITH stated essentially the following:

I was driving. The accident happened about 10:30 PM. We were heading into the station after we had left the command post. The traffic on Sea World Drive was real heavy. I was driving through the center island to get around traffic. I was not responding to a call. I had my yellow amber on and the red light to the front on. I was tapping the siren. I hit the island just before I-5. I drove straight to the station. I looked at the car at the station. I didn't notice any damage. This was about 11:15 PM. I was going about 30 mph when I hit the island.

<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUP. <input type="checkbox"/> WIT.	Peter J. CARUSO #4009	ADDRESS 1401 Broadway San Diego	PHONE HOME
VEH. #	One This interview was conducted on 7-24-90 at approximately 0730 hours.		PHONE WORK [REDACTED]

John was driving. We were heading into the station. Traffic was real heavy because of the fireworks. We were going about 30 mph. We hit the raised center island around I-5. We parked the car near the car wash. I looked at the front of car and didn't see any damage. We were not going to a cover call.

[REDACTED]		H. & R. NO.		COLL. NO.	
REPORTED BY Richard M. J. HANLON, Sergeant	I.D. NUMBER 2699	DIVISION N-9	DATE AND TIME 07-28-90 1800		

**COLLISION INTERVIEWS**

(Driver/Passenger/Witness)

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COLLISION LOCATION 1100 Sea World Drive		DATE 7-4-90	TIME 2230
<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER NAME <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUP. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIT.	ADDRESS	PHONE HOME	
VEH. #	This interview was conducted over the telephone on 7-9-90 at approximately		PHONE WORK

1410 hours. [REDACTED] stated essentially the following:

I was with [REDACTED]. We were on Sea World Drive heading towards the freeway. I was about 10:30 PM. It was after the fireworks and traffic was really backed up. I was in the fast lane, (N-1). I had my windows down. I saw flashing lights. I did not hear a siren. The police car was going about 50 mph. I heard a skid and saw them hit the island. They went airborne. When they hit the ground two hubcaps came off the car. I thought they might have hit a sign, but I can't swear to it.

(AT THIS POINT I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED])

<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER NAME <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUP. <input type="checkbox"/> WIT.	ADDRESS	PHONE HOME
VEH. #	PHONE WORK	

REPORT BY [REDACTED] Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant	I.D. NUMBER 2699	DIVISION N-9	DATE AND TIME 7-28-90 1800	COLL. NO. H. & R. NO.
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## COLLISION SUMMARY

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COLLISION LOCATION 1100 Sea World Drive		DATE 7-4-90	TIME 2230
PERSON CITED	DATE OF BIRTH	CHARGE	APPEARANCE DATE
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**OFFICER'S CONCLUSIONS:** (SUMMARIZE THE COLL. INV. WITH A WORD PICTURE, INCLUDE **ALL** EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CHARGE.)

Officer John C. SMITH #4047 was driving Unit #1207, a marked police sedan, California license E091830. Officer Peter J. CARUSO #4009 was the passenger officer.

SMITH was driving e/b on Sea World Drive at approximately 2230 hours.

The weather was cool and clear. The roadway surfaces were free from visable debris.

Traffic was very heavy due to the holiday and associated firework displays. 1100 Sea World Drive is a two-laned roadway. At the time of this incident both of the e/b lanes were full of traffic.

SMITH was enroute to the Northern substation to secure from his shift. SMITH activated his rear amber and front red light. SMITH drove into the simulated island to avoid the traffic congestion. SMITH would occasionally tap his vehicle's siren.

SMITH was not responding to any emergency radio call.

As SMITH was driving e/b through the island he approached a 12" raised center median. SMITH was driving approximately 30 mph at this point. SMITH was driving at too great a speed to avoid striking the island. SMITH attempted evasive action by braking. SMITH's vehicle left 30 feet of locked wheel skid prior to striking the island.

SMITH struck the raised island. The force of the impact caused the vehicle to become airborne. The vehicle travelled approximately 20 feet before landing on the

Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant		I.D. NUMBER 2699	DIVISION N-9	DATE AND TIME 7-28-90 1800	H. & R. NO. COLL. NO.



## COLLISION SUMMARY

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COLLISION LOCATION	DATE	TIME
1100 Sea World Drive	7-4-90	2230

OFFICER'S CONCLUSIONS: (SUMMARIZE THE COLL. INV. WITH A WORD PICTURE. INCLUDE ALL EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CHARGE.)

raised median.

Gouge marks were found at the point of impact and on the median where the undercarriage struck the median. SMITH continued to drive on the median until he reached the I-5 off-ramp traffic signal. SMITH drove off the median and proceeded n/b on I-5.

SMITH drove the vehicle to the Northern station where he parked the vehicle adjacent the the car wash. SMITH and CARUSO examined the vehicle but indicated that they did not notice any damage.

Garage mechanic [REDACTED] attempted to drive Unit #1207 at 0700 on 7-5-90.

[REDACTED] was noticed that the vehicle was difficult to steer and that the rearview mirror was missing. Unit 1207 was placed on a hoist where substantial damage was located. The damage included a cracked right turn lens, damaged oil pan, damaged stabilizer bars, both front rims were bent and dents to the hood from the engine striking it.

Traffic Officers D. JENNES #3594, S. THOMPSON #3746 and Sergeant W. CLEM #1484 responded to Northern Division on 7-6-90 when Officers SMITH and CARUSO had been identified as the individuals who were in Unit 1207 when the damage had occurred. Officers THOMPSON, JENNES, SMITH, CAURO and myself went to 1100 Sea World Drive where the collision scene was located. This was on 7-6-90 at 2100 hours.

Officers SMITH and CARUSO told the traffic officers (JENNES and THOMPSON) that they were responding to a "COVER NOW" call at De Anza Cove when the accident occurred. SMITH

told JENNES that he was driving through the center island while he was operating

REPORTING OFFICER	I.D. NUMBER	DIVISION	DATE AND TIME
Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant	2699	N-9	7-28-90 1800

## COLLISION SUMMARY

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COLLISION LOCATION 1100 Sea World Drive		DATE 7-4-90	TIME 2230
PERSON CITED	DATE OF BIRTH	CHARGE	APPEARANCE DATE
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**OFFICER'S CONCLUSIONS:** (SUMMARIZE THE COLL. INV. WITH A WORD PICTURE. INCLUDE ALL EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CHARGE.)

his emergency lights and siren when he struck the raised median. SMITH and CARUSO told the investigating units that the collision occurred at approximately 1800 hours.

Further investigation revealed that the collision occurred at 2230 hours; Officer SMITH was not properly operating his emergency equipment when the collision occurred.

(THE COLLISION DIAGRAM FROM THE INITIAL REPORT, DATED 7-6-90 BY OFFICER THOMPSON #3746 IS ACCURATE AS TO THE ICP AND MEASUREMENTS. IT WILL ALSO BE USED IN THIS REPORT)

REPORTING OFFICER Richard M. O'HANLON	I.D. NUMBER 2699	DIVISION N-9	DATE AND TIME 7-28-90 , 1800
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COLL. NO.  
H. & R. NO.

**COLLISION SUMMARY**Pg 8 of 10

COLLISION LOCATION

DATE

TIME

OFFICER'S CONCLUSIONS: (SUMMARIZE THE COLL. INV. WITH A WORD PICTURE. INCLUDE **ALL** EVIDENCE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CHARGE.)

NOT  
USED

REPORTING OFFICER

I.D. NUMBER

DIVISION

DATE AND TIME

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Collision Diagram

COLLISION LOCATION 1100 SEA WORLD DR

DATE 7/6/90 TIME 1801

DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE



1100 SEA WORLD DR.

I-5  
S/B  
ONRAMP

ROUTE FROM R1'S  
UNDERCARRIAGE

27" LOCKED  
WHEEL SKID

STOPPED VEHICLES

30" LOCKED WHEEL SKID

STOPPED VEHICLES

DATE & TIME OF REPORT 7/7/90 1355 OFFICER(S) S. THOMPSON # 3746

SKID-SPEED INFORMATION:		SKID DATA			CENTRIFUGAL SCUFF	
DESCRIPTION OF ROADWAY		V-1	V-2	V-3	MARK USED:	
TYPE OF ROAD/CONDITION:		RF	RF	RF	LENGTH:	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION:		RR	RR	RR	CHORD:	
DIRECTION/GRADE:		LF	LF	LF	MIDDLE ORDINATE:	
		LR	LR	LR		

TEST SKID INFORMATION						TIME OF TEST:			
NO.	SPEED	L.F.	R.F.	L.F.	R.R.	TEST VEHICLE/DRIVER INFORMATION			
1						DRIVER: I.D. NO. DIVISION:			
2						MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	TYPE
3						RADAR NO. CALIBRATED		OPERATOR	
4						<input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL <input type="checkbox"/> TUNING FORK			
						TEST COORDINATOR: I.D. NO.		DIVISION:	

TIRE INFORMATION		TEST VEHICLE	
ACCIDENT VEHICLE		TEST VEHICLE	
MANUFACTURE:		MANUFACTURE:	
MODEL:		MODEL:	
TYPE:		TYPE:	
SIZE:		SIZE:	
PSI:		PSI:	
PHOTOS TAKEN? _____		HOW WAS I.C.P. ESTABLISHED? _____	
POLAROID: _____			
35 MM: _____			

DRAG FACTOR: TEST SKID ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ESTIMATE ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### CALCULATIONS/DESCRIPTION OF DIAGRAM:

NOT  
USED

SYMBOLS		FORMULAS		CENTRIFUGAL SCUFF EXAMPLE	
$\mu$ = DRAG FACTOR	$g$ = GRAVITATIONAL CONSTANT (32.2 FPS <sup>2</sup> )	$\mu = \frac{V^2}{2gd}$	$r = \frac{C}{8M} + \frac{M}{2}$	$\frac{FPS \times 15}{22} = \text{MPH}$	
S = SPEED MPH	C = CHORD	$V = \sqrt{2g\mu d}$	$V = \sqrt{Rg\mu}$	$\frac{MPH \times 22}{15} = \text{FPS}$	
V = SPEED FPS	M = MIDDLE ORDINATE				
D = DISTANCE SKID LENGTH (FT.)	R = RADIUS				



# SUPERVISORS VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

ORIGINAL - SAFETY DIVISION MS 27A  
YELLOW - CLAIMS MS 51B  
GREEN - ORIGINATING DEPT.

EMPLOYEE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION		ANALYSIS		CAUSE		PREVENTION	
1. EMPLOYEE NAME (PRINT LAST, FIRST, M.I.) <u>SMITH, John C.</u>		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]		3. DEPT./DIVISION <u>Police-Northern</u>		4. DATE OF ACCIDENT MO. <u>07</u> DAY <u>04</u> YR. <u>90</u>	
5. JOB CLASSIFICATION <u>Police Officer II</u>		6. EMPLOYEE STATUS: SEASONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PERM PART TIME <input type="checkbox"/> HOURLY <input type="checkbox"/> PERM FULL TIME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LIMITED <input type="checkbox"/>		7. EMPLOYEE WORKING OVERTIME WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED? NO <input type="checkbox"/> EXTENDED SHIFT <input type="checkbox"/> CALL BACK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. TIME IN CLASSIFICATION: LESS THAN 30 DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 3 MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> 4 MOS. TO 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 5 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVER 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/>		9. EMPLOYED WITH CITY: LESS THAN 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 5 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 TO 10 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 10 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/>		10. EXPERIENCE WITH VEHICLE: IN TRAINING <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 3 MOS. <input type="checkbox"/> 4 MOS. TO 1 YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 5 YEARS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVER 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/>		11. CITY VEHICLE: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
				12. IF YES, GIVE EQUIP. NUMBER <u>1207 (1)</u>			
				13. VEHICLE SIZE & TYPE (EX. 3/4 TON P/U) <u>4 door sedan</u>			
				14. VEHICLE MAKE & YEAR (E.G. FORD/1969) <u>1988 Ford</u>			
15. ACTION OF CITY VEHICLE: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) PARKED <input type="checkbox"/> STOPPED IN TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> PREPARING TO STOP <input type="checkbox"/> STARTING IN TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> MOVING FORWARD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		LEFT TURN <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT TURN <input type="checkbox"/> U-TURN <input type="checkbox"/> ROLLAWAY <input type="checkbox"/> BACKING <input type="checkbox"/>		CHANGING LANES <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (BE SPECIFIC) <input type="checkbox"/>		16. ACCIDENT SITE: STREET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFF ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> ALLEY <input type="checkbox"/> LANDFILL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE PROP <input type="checkbox"/> BEACH <input type="checkbox"/> CITY YARD <input type="checkbox"/> FREEWAY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	
17. DAMAGE TO: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) CITY VEHICLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> CITY PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/>		18. INJURIES: NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> EMPLOYEE <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH <input type="checkbox"/>		19. TYPE OF RESPONSE: EMERGENCY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-EMER. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20. ACCIDENT PROPERLY REPORTED YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				21. AT TIME OF ACCIDENT HAD TRAINING BEEN GIVEN: WITHIN 30 DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> 6 MOS. TO 1 YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVER 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 6 MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> 1 TO 5 YEARS <input type="checkbox"/> NONE GIVEN <input type="checkbox"/>			
				22. LOCATION OF ACCIDENT: <u>1100 Sea World Drive</u>		23. TIME OF DAY <u>10:30</u> <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.	
DESCRIBE HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED, INCLUDE ANY VIOLATIONS OF CITY OR DEPT. POLICY; ACTION OF OTHER VEHICLE, ROAD CONDITIONS, EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION, ETC. (BE SPECIFIC):  <u>SEE ATTACHED REPORT</u>  <u>THIS REPORT IS A REVISION OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT SUBMITTED 07-07-90.</u>							
PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT (WHY DID THE ACCIDENT OCCUR): <u>SPEED FOR CONDITIONS.</u>							
WHAT HAS BEEN/WILL BE DONE TO PREVENT RECURRENCE <u>THIS COLLISION WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE COMMAND LEVEL FOR DISPOSTION</u>							
Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant				PHONE # [REDACTED]		APPOINTING AUTHORITY: [REDACTED]	

## SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

DATE (occrr.): July 4, 1990

TIME (occrr.): 2230 hours

LOCATION: 1100 Sea World Drive

SUBJECT: Supervisor's Investigation of Police Equipment Collision

Officer John C. SMITH #4047 was driving police equipment number 1207 on July 4, 1990. Officer Peter J. CARUSO #4009 was the passenger officer.

Officers SMITH and CARUSO were headed to the Northern Division substation to secure from their shift. Traffic was extremely congested on Sea World Drive due to the holiday and associated firework displays. Traffic for both lanes of eastbound Sea World Drive were basically gridlocked.

SMITH was proceeding eastbound on Sea World Drive. As SMITH encountered the congestion he drove into the simulated center island. The island is delineated by double yellow lines. As SMITH entered the island he activated his rear flashing yellow light and front red light of the vehicle's overhead light bar. SMITH was driving approximately 30-35 mph at this point. This was at 2230 hours.

SMITH was NOT responding to an emergency radio call or any other call for service.

As SMITH proceeded through the island he encountered a raised asphaltic center median. SMITH was driving too fast to avoid striking this median. The front of Unit #1207 struck the median. SMITH and CARUSO were travelling with sufficient speed to cause the vehicle to become airborne. The vehicle travelled for approximately 20 feet before landing on the median.


The force of the landing caused the vehicle to "bottom out". This action caused the undercarriage to strike the median. SMITH proceeded through the median. SMITH drove off of the median and took the northbound I-5 onramp. SMITH drove Unit #1207 to Northern where he parked it near the car wash.

Both CARUSO and SMITH stated that they examined the vehicle for damage when they arrived at Northern. Both CARUSO and SMITH stated that they did not see any damage. CARUSO and SMITH stated that the steering of the vehicle was "off" as they were driving to the substation. This was at approximately 2300 hours.

On Thursday morning, 07-05-90, at approximately 0700 hours, Northern Division garage personnel located the damaged vehicle. Lieutenant R. JAMES #1469 was advised of the damaged vehicle shortly after its discovery.

Equipment number 1207 is a pool car that is normally assigned to the Northern Division Beach Enforcement Team.

On Thursday morning, 07-05-90, Lieutenant JAMES contacted me and advised me of the damaged vehicle. I recall seeing SMITH and CARUSO driving a black and white sedan the evening of July 4th. I do not recall the equipment number. SMITH and CARUSO were off on 07-05-90.

Reporting Officer  *R.M.O.* Richard M. O'HANLON, Sergeant I.D. # 2699 Division N-B.E.T.

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date of this report 07-29-90 Time 1200

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

DATE (occurr.): 07-04-90  
TIME (occurr.): 2230 hours  
LOCATION: 1100 Sea World Drive  
SUBJECT: Police Equipment Collision-page two

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On 07-06-90 I was in the process of trying to locate SMITH and CARUSO's Daily Activity Journal for 07-04-90. I could not locate this document. During briefing I asked CARUSO and SMITH where the journal was. They stated that they had accidentally left the journal at the lifeguard station on 07-04-90. I instructed them to locate the journal and bring it to me immediately after they located it. (This document would contain the vehicle number that SMITH and CARUSO were driving on 07-04-90.)

I saw SMITH and CARUSO talking to a mechanic at the garage area. Unit 1207 up on the rack while SMITH and CARUSO were talking to the mechanic. SMITH stated at this point, "I guess I really damaged the car." This was at approximately 1820 hours.

A Traffic unit and supervisor responded to Northern. These officers were D. JENNES #3594 and S. THOMPSON #3746. Traffic Sergeant W. CLEM #1184 also responded to Northern Division.

The damage to Unit 1207 includes but is not limited to the following: bent front rims, broken gear shift indicator, fractured right turn lens, front bumper damage, hood damage, and substantial engine, frame and undercarriage damage.

The collision scene was located at 1100 Sea World Drive. The initial contact point was determined by the gouge mark found on the raised asphalt median.

Officers SMITH and CARUSO told the traffic units that they were replying to a "COVER NOW" call at De Anza Cove at approximately 1800 hours when they struck the median. SMITH stated that he was driving with his emergency equipment activated. Officer CARUSO verified this statement. Both CARUSO and SMITH wrote written reports, ARJIS 9's, about how the accident happened. These reports were included in the collision report made by Officers JENNES and THOMPSON.

Subsequent investigation revealed that SMITH and CARUSO's verbal and written statements as to the time and manner of the accident were untruthful.

I have prepared an "AMENDED" collision report which will be forwarded.

Based on the damage to Unit 1207 and the damage located at the collision scene the following conclusion is reached:

Officer John C. SMITH #4047 was driving in an unauthorized manner, yellow and red lights only, when he struck the raised center median. Officer SMITH gave an untruthful statement to myself, verbal and written, and to the traffic officers as to the time and manner of the collision. Officer SMITH was driving a police unit in an unsafe manner to avoid traffic congestion while enroute to secure [REDACTED] not replying to an emergency or any other call

Reporting Officer RICHARD M. O'NEAL, Sergeant I.D. # 2699 Division N-B.E.T.

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date of this report 07-29-90 Time 1200



SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

DATE (occrr.): July 4, 1990

TIME (occrr.): 2230 hours


LOCATION: 1100 Sea World Drive

SUBJECT: Police Equipment Collision-page three

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when the collision occurred. Officer SMITH was also untruthful as to the time and manner of the collision on form RM-1551 (Vehicle Damage Report). Based on the damage to Unit 1207 Officer SMITH should have reasonably know that he was involved in a police equipment collision. SMITH failed to properly report the accident to a police supervisor according to established police procedures.

Officer CARUSO gave untruthful statements, verbal and written, to myself and the traffic officers. Officer CARUSO should have reasonably known that he and his partner, John SMITH, were involved in a police equipment collision and should have reported the collision to a police supervisor. CARUSO's untruthful statements were given on 07-06-90, when the initial police equipment collision report was completed.

Reporting Officer  I.D. # 2699 Division N-B.E.T.

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date of this report 07-29-90 Time 1200

CITY of SAN DIEGO  
MEMORANDUM

FILE NO: 385  
DATE: August 1, 1990  
TO: Sergeant R. O'Hanlon, Northern Division  
FROM: Detective J. A. Stewart, Traffic Investigations  
SUBJECT: RE: Equipment #1207


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On July 11, 1990, I inspected Police Equipment #1207 at the request of Sergeant R. O'Hanlon. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if the damage to this car was of the nature that would be readily apparent to the driver. In addition Sergeant O'Hanlon asked me to see if I could find any damage that was consistent with the car hitting a metal sign pole.

The damage to this car was rather severe. The force of the impact dislodged the motor from its mounts, forcing it up and causing two (2) dents in the hood. The suspension and transmission linkage also sustained severe damage. After inspecting the car I formed the opinion that it would be reasonable to conclude any driver would be aware of the damage.

I did not find any damage that would be consistent with impacting a sign pole.

Sergeant O'Hanlon and I went to the collision scene. There I found gouges in the raised asphaltic concrete island that were consistent with the damage on Unit 1207. There was a portion of metal sign post on the island that was in the path of the car. The break in this portion was old as evidenced by an accumulation of dirt and rust. It is my opinion, this sign pole was not involved in this incident. When I completed the inspection I photographed the scene and gave the film to Sergeant O'Hanlon.

  
Detective J. A. Stewart  
Traffic Investigation Unit

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San Diego Police Department  
TRAINING BULLETIN

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BOB BURGREN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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April 4, 1989

ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Anabolic steroids are synthetic derivatives of the male hormone, testosterone. As such, anabolic steroids mimic the testosterone in the body by producing both anabolic (to build up) and androgenic (male like) effects on the body.

Anabolic steroids were developed in the 1930's and were primarily used to rebuild the body weight of concentration camp survivors following World War II. Anabolic steroids gained wider recognition in the 1950-1960's when they were used to enhance athletic performance, initially in weight lifting. Anabolic steroids come in tablet and liquid form and are taken orally and intramuscularly.

LEGAL

Anabolic steroids are controlled substances under the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act and are listed as Schedule III drugs in Section 11056(f) of the Health and Safety Code, as of January 1, 1987.

The unlawful possession of anabolic steroids is a misdemeanor under Section 11377(b) H&S, unless there is a prior conviction for the same offense. Possession for sale is a felony under Section 11378 H&S and the illegal sales of anabolic steroids is a felony under Section 11379 H&S. Further, doctors, pharmacists and veterinarians who sell, furnish, administer, dispense and/or prescribe anabolic steroids for narcissistic body building purposes are violating Sections 11153(a) and 11154(a) H&S (felonies).

SCOPE/SOURCE

The use of anabolic steroids has crossed over into the general population in epidemic proportions. The Food and Drug Administration estimates there

I - Finaject  
O - Maxibolin (Ethylestrenol)  
I - Parabolan  
O - Primabolan  
I - Testosterone Cypionate  
I - Winstrol V (Stanozolol)  
O - Winstrol

Note: I - Indicates injectables  
O - Indicates tablets (orals)

#### ESTABLISHED SIDE EFFECTS

- Acne
- Cancer
- High Cholesterol
- Water Retention
- Heart Disease
- Liver Disease
- Male Pattern Baldness
- Shrunken Testicles
- Yellowing of the eyes or skin
- Aggressive, combative behavior (Roid Rage)

#### SYMPTOMS OF ANABOLIC STEROID ABUSE

- Puffy Face
- Severe Ache (face, chest, upper back & thighs)
- Increased Weight Gain Over Short Period of Time
- Mood Swings with Increased Agressiveness (Roid Rage)
- Yellowing of Skin/Eyes
- Spotted, Dark Skin
- Profuse Sweating

#### ANABOLIC STEROID SLANG

Roids, Sauce, Juice	Anabolic steroids
Roidal	User of steroids
Roid Rage	Steroid induced violent outburt
Cycle	Time on steroids, usually 6-8 wks.
Stacking	Using multiple steroids at once (injectables/tablets)
Joy Rider	User of steroids for appearance only
Cut	Clearly defined muscles
Buffed	Large with big muscles
Darts/Points	Needles

#### TRENDS

Illegal anabolic steroid dealers are starting to employ techniques used by traditional drug dealers; pagers, cellular phones, codes, use of public phones, counter-surveillance techniques, money laundering through gyms and other body building related businesses and runners/go-betweens.

are 2-3 million anabolic steroid users in the United States that generates a 500 million dollar annual blackmarket.

The taking of anabolic steroids to build the body and enhance personal appearance, known as the narcissistic body building syndrome, has surpassed the use of anabolic steroids to improve athletic performance.

The sources for illegal anabolic steroids are smuggling, counterfeiting and diversion.

### Smuggling

California is the recipient of the majority of smuggled anabolic steroids and serves as a transfer point for the rest of the nation. San Diego, because of it's proximity to Mexico, is known as the anabolic steroid "mecca". The majority of smuggled steroids are either bogus or diluted versions of the real thing.

The smuggling of anabolic steroids from Canada is very active, showing a growing trend towards smuggling European anabolic steroids.

The smuggling activity range from organized, large-scale operations, such as the David Jenkins Organization, to individuals bringing across "personal use" amounts of anabolic steroids.

### Counterfeiting

Anabolic steroids are being produced in clandestine labs resulting in a questionable product quality. However, some of the counterfeit steroids mirror the original product both in packaging and appearance so that it is difficult to distinguish the difference.

### Diversion

Sources for pharmaceutical anabolic steroids are highly desirable and much sought after by steroid users. Consequently, some doctors, vets and pharmacists use their drug enforcement administration numbers to obtain legitimate anabolic steroids which they then divert to the blackmarket at substantial markups.

The diversion of anabolic steroids accounts for approximately thirty-three (33) percent of the blackmarket.

### COMMON ANABOLIC STEROIDS

- O - Anavar (Oxandrolone)
- O - Anadrol (Oxymetholone)
- I - Bolasterone
- I - Deca-Durabolin (Nandrolone decanoate)
- I - Durabolin (Nandrolone Phenpropionate)
- I - Dianabol (AKA:D-Bol) Banned in U.S.
- I - Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG)
- I - Equipoise

There is also indication that steroid dealers are forging alliances with established cocaine distribution networks. Further, steroid abusers engage in poly-drug use by taking anti-biotics to treat the severe acne diuretics to combat bloating, stimulants (Tenuate, Fasting), codeine compounds for pain management and valium to reduce stress/anxiety. (Take the edge off.)

It is clear that anabolic steroids have joined tobacco, alcohol and marijuana as gateway drugs.

If you have questions or cases/arrests involving anabolic steroids, please contact Special Agent J. Kenney, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement [REDACTED]

This Training Bulletin was prepared and written by Special Agent Joe Kenney, Department of Justice.